

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to FORCE their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before our election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Ours is a military family and we disagree strongly with this documentary and its motives.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest.

WHEN LARGE COMPANIES CONTROL OUR AIRWAVES, OUR DEMOCRACY IS ENDANGERED. AS we have all seen in recent years with corporations gobbling up media, we are getting less and less honest and reliable information in this country. There is also the question of ethical standards and integrity. It seems that whatever will profit the source is the primary concern rather than the public good. We are awash in Hannity, Limbaugh, Dr. Laura and Laura Ingraham and others like them on OUR airwaves rather than substantive and accurate information that is useful. It is always shamefully biased and not about news or issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Do we need a citizens' commission to watchdog you folks? Thank you.